

Appl. No. 10/611,804
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Non-Final Office Action dated December 14, 2004. By way of this amendment, claims 1-9 have been canceled. Claims 10-20 are new. Claims 10-20 are currently pending in the application. Further review is requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Koulichkov (2,087,153). Claim 9 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that claims 4-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that claim 9 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-9 have been canceled, thus, the rejections are moot in light of the present amendment.

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Claim 10 is not anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) by Koulichkov. Claim 10 recites "[a] combination of a child safety product and a visible information carrier." The term child safety product as used in claim 10 is generic and refers to all of the products listed in paragraph [003] of the specification, for example, a child safety seat or a stroller.

Koulichkov does not disclose a child safety product. Koulichkov discloses a tree tag holder for holding metal tags which are nailed to trees.

Claim 10 recites a recess formed in the child safety product for receiving the information carrier. As stated above, Koulichkov does not disclose a child safety product. Additionally, Koulichkov does not disclose a recess formed in a child safety product for receiving an information carrier. Koulichkov discloses a slot between two plates which is wide enough for individual tags to slide between. Unlike the recess of claim 10, the slot in Koulichkov is not capable of receiving and holding the tags without the aid of a securing device such as the spring wire disclosed in Koulichkov.

Claim 10 recites a flexible tether carried by an anchorage. Koulichkov does not disclose a flexible tether carried by an anchorage. Koulichkov discloses a spring wire which is fastened at one end to an upper side of a housing. The free end of the spring wire is locked in position by a hook in the upper side of the housing. A spring wire is not a flexible tether.

Claim 10 also recites that "the information carrier can be stored in the recess when not in use and removed from the recess when in use without detaching the information carrier from the tether." This is clearly not what is disclosed in Koulichkov. As stated

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above, Koulichkov does not disclose a recess or a tether, but a slot and a spring wire. In addition, the tags in Koulichkov cannot be used without removing them from the spring wire, nor can they be removed from the slot without removing them from the spring wire.

In light of the remarks above, it is respectfully submitted that claim 10 is not anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) by Koulichkov.

Claims 11-20 depend from independent claim 10, and are thus believed to be allowable for the reasons stated above.

In addition, claim 12 recites that the flexible tether allows the information carrier to be positioned at various angles for easy reading without detaching the information carrier from the tether. The spring wire disclosed in Koulichkov does not allow the tags to be positioned at various angles for easy reading.

Claims 13 and 17 recite a closure for covering the recess and claims 14 and 18 recite that the closure has a shape that conforms to the shape of the child safety product or front wall of the child safety seat for providing a smooth, uniform appearance. Koulichkov does not disclose a closure.

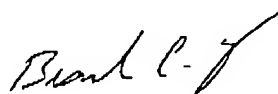
Claim 15 recites that the child safety product is a child safety seat. Koulichkov does not disclose a child safety seat. Koulichkov discloses a tree tag holder.

Claim 16 recites that the structure of the child safety seat has a front wall having a convex shape. Koulichkov discloses a structure having a front and rear wall, but Koulichkov does not disclose a front wall having a convex shape. The front wall disclosed in Koulichkov is flat.

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In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance.
Reconsideration of the rejections is requested. Allowance of claims 10-20 at an early date
is solicited.

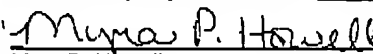
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